Patent claims

1. A method for identifying a user, in which at least one person-specific feature of the user is requested by a central server and is transmitted to the central server by an input appliance of a user computer device via a telecommunication link, in particular over the Internet, and is compared with stored user data, the at least one person-specific feature being selected by the central server on the basis of the random principle from a plurality of features recorded in a first feature group comprising the print from at least one finger and/or the image of the iris of at least one eye and/or a voice sample and/or a sample signature and/or an image of at least part of the user and/or the genetic fingerprint and in a second feature group comprising the user name and/or the date of birth and/or a user number and/or a secret number.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that a plurality of person-specific features are selected and requested on the basis of the random principle.

3. The method as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that, in each case, at least one feature from the first feature group is chosen.

4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the data are transmitted in encrypted form.

5. A system for identifying a user having at least one central server having a database containing person-specific features for users, having at least one external, user computer device which

communicates with the server over the Internet and has at least one input appliance which can be used for the server to request at least one person-specific feature and for transmitting said feature to the server, the person-specific features of a user being stored on the server in a person-specific data record (3, 4) containing a first feature group comprising the print from at least one finger and/or the image of the iris of at least one eye and/or a voice sample and/or a sample signature and/or an image of at least part of the user and/or the genetic fingerprint and containing a second feature group comprising the user name and/or the date of birth and/or a user number and/or a secret number, and the at least one person-specific feature (5) requested being able to be selected on the basis of the random principle from the features in both feature groups (3a, 3b, 4a, 4b).

6. The system as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the input appliance of the user computer device (7, 13) comprises at least one camera (11) and/or at least one microphone and/or at least one means (17) for recording a fingerprint.

7. The system as claimed in claim 5 or 6, characterized in that a plurality of central servers having identical databases are provided.

8. The system as claimed in one of claims 5 to 7, characterized in that the server (2) and/or the user computer device (7, 13) comprise a means for data encryption and decryption.